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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Akihiko SHIMIZU et al.

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For: OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM WITH A PARTITION WALL
BETWEEN AN INFORMATION TRACKS GROOVE AND A PREFORMAT PIT
ENCODING INFORMATION THEREFOR

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Sir:

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

A Notice Regarding Drawings dated December 13, 2005 (copy attached hereto as **Exhibit A**) was issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection with the above-identified application. The December 13, 2005 Notice Regarding Drawings indicated that applicant was required to submit corrected drawings by February 13, 2006.

On February 3, 2006, applicant filed a Communication Forwarding Corrected Drawings In Response To December 13, 2005 Official Notice Regarding Drawings, including seventeen (17) sheets of corrected drawings for Figs. 1A-18B and Certificate of Mailing dated February 3, 2006, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a copy of the

Communication Forwarding Corrected Drawings In Response To December 13, 2005 Official Notice Regarding Drawings and the seventeen (17) sheets of corrected drawings for Figs. 1A-18B which were submitted on February 3, 2006 pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8.

A Notice of Abandonment dated April 6, 2006 (copy attached hereto as **Exhibit C**) was issued by the USPTO in connection with this application. The April 6, 2006 Notice of Abandonment stated that no reply has been received by the USPTO to the December 13, 2005 Notice Regarding Drawings.

As indicated above, applicant replied to the December 13, 2005 Official Notice Regarding Drawings, and Exhibit B hereto is a copy of the February 3, 2006 Communication and seventeen (17) sheets of corrected drawings for Figs. 1A-18B submitted on February 3, 2006 pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8.

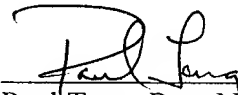
In addition, attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is a computer printout of the (automated computer) accounting records maintained by the undersigned's firm for the automated Equitrac postage system. As shown in the accounting records attached as **Exhibit D**, postage in the mount of \$1.35 was obtained on 03-FEB-06 through the automated Equitrac postage system for reference number 2271/57219 (which is the client/docket number assigned by the undersigned's firm to this application).

Applicant submits that a reply to the December 13, 2005 Official Notice Regarding Drawings was timely submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8, and **Exhibit B** hereto is a copy of the February 3, 2006 Communication and seventeen (17) sheets of corrected drawings for Figs. 1A-18B submitted on February 3, 2006 pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8.

Applicant hereby petitions to the Director to withdraw holding of abandonment.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. If, however, any fees are required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fees to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Teng", is written over a horizontal line.

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